

REMARKS

Claims 2-27 are pending in this application.

Nonstatutory Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 2-27 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-19 of Ogata et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,171,191) and claims 1-15 of Ogata et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,641,479). A Terminal Disclaimer is filed herewith.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above, applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance, and requests that it be passed to issue. If there are any issues which can be discussed in a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact applicant's attorney at (310) 242-2732.

A fee for the Terminal Disclosure was filed with the amendment of December 19, 2006. Please charge any further fees payable in connection with this submission to our Deposit Account No. 06-2425.

Respectfully submitted,

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